**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**
**RAILWAYS**
**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3767
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INCONVENIENCE TO PASSENGERS DUE TO DISRUPTION IN THE OPERATION OF TRAINS
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether recent failure of power grid in the country has increased inconvenience of railway passengers due to disrupted operation of trains on many routes which results in heavy loss to the Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the effective steps taken by the Railways to check such incidents and ensure alternative operation of trains at the time of electricity failure?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir. Failure of power grid led to abnormal detention to 55 Mail/Express trains for an average of 5 hours 30 minutes per train, on the Northern and North Central Railway.

(b): Train services were disrupted from 0256 hrs. to 1040 hrs. of 07.03.08 over Northern Railway, North Central Railway and from 0550 hrs. to 1100 hrs. of 09.03.08 over North Central Railway.

(c): A course of action has been decided upon pursuant to an emergency meeting called by Secretary (Power) with the concerned agencies including Railways. Accordingly, steps have been taken to follow the guidelines from Ministry of Power, as applicable to the Railways.